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SUBJ: DEPSEC'S VISIT TO MANILA: PROPOSED TOAST FOR AMBASSADOR'S
DINNER AUGUST 6

1. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR DEPSEC TO MAKE
A FEW REMARKS, IN THE FORM OF A TOAST, AT AMBASSADOR'S
AUGUST 6 DINNER IN HIS HONOR TO WHICH RANKING PHILIPPINE
OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN INVITED. SUGGESTED TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. GENERAL ROMULO, DISTINGUISHED GUEST,
COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS: AN AMERICAN SAYING HAS IT THAT
THERE IS NO SONG LIKE AN OLD SONG. AND I MIGHT ADVANCE
A VARIATION ON THIS THEME BY SUGGESTING THAT THERE
ARE NO FRIENDS LIKE OLD FRINEDS. FOR SO IT IS.

IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING NATIONAL INTERESTS, OF
CHANGING PERCEPTIONS AND PRIORITIES, THERE IS INDEED A
REALITY CALLED FRIENDSHIP THAT MUST BE RECKONED WITH.
NEW FRIENDS WILL COME ALONG AND MAY PROVE TO BE
WORTHY ASSOCIATES. NEW POLICIES WILL BE SET THAT
MAY SHADOW ESTABLISHED PATTERNS AND GOALS. BUT OLD
FRIENDSHIPS AND ENDURING POLICIES REMAIN--BEST OF ALL.

THE UNITED STATES-PHILIPPINE RELATIONSHIP IS OF
THIS GENUS. NURTURED IN A RELUCTANT COLONIALISM AND FORGED
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IN A DESPERATE WAR, THIS FRIENDSHIP HAS CONTINUED TO GROW

AND PROSPER IN THE CHALLENGING DECADES OF INDEPENDENCE, DEVELOPMENT AND INTERDEPENDENCE. TODAY THE AFFINITIES THAT BIND FILIPINOS AND AMERICANS ARE STRONGER THAN EVER AS OUR TWO COUNTRIES EVOLVE A RELATIONSHIP ON THE FIRMEST GROUND OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND SENSITIVITY TO EACH OTHER'S NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS.

THERE ARE, THERE WILL BE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US, AS BETWEEN ALL FRIENDS IN ALL AGES AND IN ALL WORLDS. BUT THE FUNDAMENTAL OF OUR FRIENDSHIP AND OUR SHARED GOODWILL AS WELL AS OUR MANY COMMON INTERESTS GIVE ME CONFIDENCE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO RESOLVE, TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT, THOSE DIFFERENCES THAT WILL ARISE.

AND SO TONIGHT, AS I OFFER A TOAST TO PRESIDENT MARCOS AND TO THE PHILIPPINE PEOPLE, I WOULD ADD A WARM WISH FOR THE CONTINUED VITALITY OF AN OLD AND VALUED FRIENDSHIP. END TEXT.
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